

**PROPOSED BROADWAY TRAILHEAD PROJECT MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2001  
LEW SORENSEN CENTER, 6:30 P.M.**

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Ray Carroll, Scott Egan (Carroll aide)

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jim Bellamy, Meg Weesner, Bob Lineback, Tom Danton, Bertha Montgomery, Cate Bradley (NPS), Tony Herrell, Francisco Mendoza (BLM), Rafael Payan, (Pima County)

Participants were asked to take the first 60 minutes of the meeting to review, in small groups, 15 design options for the proposed Broadway Trailhead project. Following are the comments from each group during the report out time.

Group 1: Design 1, 2, & 3 lacked certain features. Prefer angled, pull forward and out parking vs. parallel parking. 30ft. East to West direction on Broadway. Prefer design #15 as the one that best incorporates most desired features. Most important thing is to separate trailers from cars – length for trailers should be 70ft x 20ft on dirt or gravel surface. Minimum of 40 space - 20 for pedestrian, 20 trailers. Cars to pull in and out the same way. Directional signs to show cars and trailers parking sections. Restroom – they are half-and-half on agreement. Ramada – no, having a ramada will be like a park for entertainment. Interpreter signs – no.

Group 2: Design 4, 5, 6 & 15 – #4 have same problem as #1 – not enough trailer space – need some way to reroute. Not enough horse trailers – oversize parallel space. #5 – #6 eliminated. #15 the best like at end of Speedway – lot more signage. What would be really nice is if Sun Tran could go to all the Parks – conserve park and not make a big parking lot. Dislike over size vehicle (RV) parking – might become overnight parking. #15 the best, prefer gravel for surface – separate people and horses - maximum of 40.

Group 3: I ditto everything that's been said. #7 no good – on the surface is good – don't need ramada. #8 a good one – workable – like the shape – hikers and horses separate – couldn't agree on number of spaces. #9 didn't like. #15 we really like – the buffer is good – need more room for cars – the design can be implemented and don't want it to attract bikers. We like it because horses could pass.

Group 4: #10 didn't have parking for hikers – refer #10 to #15. #11 too vague, took up too much space and inadequate. #12 not enough space for cars and trailers. #15 works and it has everything- good traffic flow – buffer from Broadway and can basically work in any location. Toilets are not a necessity – ramada would provide shade.

Group 5: #13 - #14 – and #15 criteria, 200 feet inside of park, 200 feet off Broadway, 200 feet off Freeman – use land that is Park Service own. #13 - #14 don't like. #15 Looks like what we ask for – horses are on dirt and hikers on pavement. What's reasonable, 20 trailers and 20 cars – should be bike racks, toilets, no lights or hitching rails – open from 6:00 a.m. - signs limiting park and no ramada.

Comment: Screening from the road is the main idea.

Comment: We did not look at the existing condition as an option (no change is an option).

RP – The existing alternative poses the potential for liability – we need to come up with a long-term solution. Less control will cause more problems. Since the issue of safety with the existing Broadway trailhead area has been raised through these meetings, a safer solution must be developed so that negligence is not a factor if there is an injury in the future.

CB – Before we figure out what else this group wants to talk about – there's a power point presentation on the 10 questions that were posed by the Notch Neighborhood Association at last meeting.

Power Point Presentation: *(copies of the power point presentation were distributed to follow along)*

TH – We have concerns about safety at the trailhead parking area. We don't want to see anyone get hurt, or worse, die out there.

Comment: I've never seen anyone die.

Comment: Experience is more potent - the best teacher. I have never seen an accident happen here in 30 years. The park is pushing this to get money to build a parking lot.

TH - My opinion differs from you – I think parking is safer in parking lots.

JB – We need to move on through the presentation and we'll have questions afterward.

Comment: This will not attract additional users?

TH – Additional users would be based on the size of the parking lot.

Comment: What do you mean by optimize?

TH – Optimize is my opinion of the park focuses on safety for the users.

JB – Thanks for holding your questions – we will continue through the presentation.

JB – I would like to turn it over to Rafael.

RP – Ladies and gentlemen I would like to introduce Ray Carol your District Supervisor and Scott Eagan his Executive Assistant.

Comment: You say the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan hasn't been approved yet – does that mean you will ignore it in this plan?

RP – The plan is part of the big picture – interfacing with the whole scope of Eastern Pima County Parks. the Broadway Trailhead plan does not contradict anything that is in the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan.

Comment: The list of items we agreed to discuss at these meetings does not include trust – BLM has gone up to 40 people – when you said there would only be 20, this violates trust.

JB – You might be referring to the new fire facility – that is BLM land.

Comment: That's not what you said at the beginning. Where was the EA for that facility, I never saw it.

JB – Would you like to see the EA for the fire facility?

Comment: Yes. You never mention the plan had 5 section spaces – you've violated trust.

Comments: I haven't been able to get info on how much money needs to be set aside for this parking project. This gentleman told us we don't have the money yet. I don't like knowing what kind of budget we have.

CB – Meg we went over funding at the first few meetings, didn't we?

Comment: These people will work the budget as it comes – they're trying to scope the project and they have a good handle on it.

Comment: I think the budget is \$150K.

RP – The budget is around \$130K – we want to design within that budget.

Comment: Our question are best answer in the GMP 2002 and you tell us you have a plan from 1988 – what is your general plan? It's hard to trust.

JB – The General Management Plan – 1988 does not give detail, it gives a general direction. The upcoming plan will take long enough (a few years) that we feel we can't wait – there is no intention of building or expanding beyond what the present plan states.

Comment: This location is not a good location for office space. But you are improving the water lines.

TH – There was no fire hydrant at that building – so they put in a fire hydrant.

Comment: Is the old city well over at BLM?

TH – No.

Comment: I'm a user of the Park and the Broadway trail and my focus is on the parking. I feel like we are at these meetings just as excess baggage.

CB – Bonnie having gone through the process tonight, do you think you've had opportunity for input?

Comment: Yes.

Comment: There are people here that have fought zoning areas – but we must have something that we all approve of.

Comment: Issue – people say the Notch people are trying to push others out – we have made no effort to stop the project – but to make the project work. We provided the design that most of you said you want (#15)

Comment: A neighborhood is trying to block my use of the Park – problem is I have to park there all the time.

CB – I want to make sure this isn't a tit for tat. The land resource managers are here to hear all of the concerns and to raise awareness that Park Service and BLM are also neighbors here and want to be good neighbors.

Comment: The only entity that wants to restrict use of that Park is the NPS.

Comment: We (Notch) have done nothing to stop the project – plan #15 is the most like by residents – we're just asking that it will be apart of the existing Park.

TH – We all went through a process and we came together to make define some needs. We don't need go backwards in our discussion now because we've made so much progress.

Comment: I'm a user and tonight I felt very encourage – I felt more included – I'm a representative of everyone in the country because I'm a user. I feel uncomfortable that everyone was agreeing with #15 because we were picking a design not a location. We were asked to look at design features separate from location issues. I don't want the location to be part of the decision for #15.

Comment: We can't eliminate the idea of site location – that design requires purchase towards Freeman Road.

Comment: That will not eliminate the idea (site location) – the design itself was good. The Notch has been attempting to stonewall things.

Ray Carroll – I'm the one who tried to stonewall this project not the Notch. I wasn't happy with how the first meeting went because I didn't have an opinion. I do like the way it finishes. I have \$50K invested I can let it stay or pull it out. I wish there were more people from the Federal level that could have seen how things came down.

Comment: I bought a home here because it's a nice area. We see this traffic going out there (to the park) and that's why we need this facility. You're going to see an increase in traffic there's no way around it. We have to live with it.

Comment: Where ever the final parking location is, open park at 5:00 a.m. – we horse people ride at 5:00 a.m.

TH – I like the results of tonight's meeting. We got a lot of good ideas.

CB – We need to take the results of tonight's meeting and the site location meeting and develop other components of the analysis to come up with some options for recommendations.

Comment – Before the next draft EA is released, we want to see the proposals so we don't have the pressure of a 30 day comment period to respond.

CB – So the next meeting will be a review of the proposed alternatives for the Broadway Trailhead project. We also have to still review the written comments that you requested to discuss. It will be several months before the revised EA is ready for review. We will contact you as we have for these meetings to announce that meeting.